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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action of the United States Patent and Trademark Office dated April 7, 2003, the time for response to which extending to and including July 7, 2003, Applicants respectfully request consideration and entry of the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

Claims 2-4 are now pending in this application and stand rejected. Claims 2-4 are independent.

Claims 2-4 were rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 2 of U.S. Patent No. 6,224,199.

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